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X Form PTO-1449 listing one (1) reference submitted for consideration.

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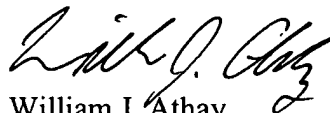
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Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003.

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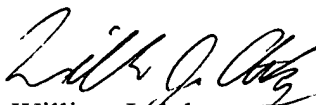
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